GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Service – Revenue Department – Departmental proceedings against Sri V. Ravi Kumar, Village Revenue Officer, Vasapa Village, presently working as Senior Assistant at Ponduru on Deputation, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Article of charges – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 548 Dated: 09-06-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Rc.No.92/RCO-VSK/2023-S.12, Dated: 06.11.2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.189, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dated:09.06.2025.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri V. Ravi Kumar, Village Revenue Officer, Vasapa Village, presently working as Senior Assistant at Ponduru on Deputation, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for committing irregularities noticed by the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau during the Surprise Check conducted in the O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District, on 24.01.2020.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure. I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure. II & III).

3. Sri V. Ravi Kumar, Village Revenue Officer, Vasapa Village, presently working as Senior Assistant at Ponduru on Deputation, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri V. Ravi Kumar, Village Revenue Officer, Vasapa Village, presently working as Senior Assistant at Ponduru on Deputation, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Sri V. Ravi Kumar, Village Revenue Officer, Vasapa Village, presently working as Senior Assistant at Ponduru on Deputation, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above, further actions will be processed based on the material available.

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6. Attention of Sri V. Ravi Kumar, Village Revenue Officer, Vasapa Village, presently working as Senior Assistant at Ponduru on Deputation, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his/her interests in respect of matters pertaining to his/her service under the Government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri V. Ravi Kumar, Village Revenue Officer, Vasapa Village, presently working as Senior Assistant at Ponduru on Deputation, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
Sri V. Ravi Kumar, Village Revenue Officer, Vasapa Village, presently working as Senior Assistant at Ponduru on Deputation, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District ***through*** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The District Collector, Srikakulam District.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE –I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI VALEROUTHU RAVI KUMAR, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, VASAPA VILLAGE, KOTHURU MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT IN CR.NO.08/RCO-ACB/SKL/2023 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE.

That Sri Valerouthu Ravi Kumar joined in Government Servant as Village Revenue Officer on 12.01.1995 and worked at Bhamini and later worked as Panchayat secretary from 01.01.2002 to 08.02.2007 there after worked atdifferent Mandals as VRO and later transferred and posted as VRO, Vasapa Village of Kothuru Mandal and worked there from 25.06.2016 to 24.01.2020 and as such he committed the following grave misconduct in as much as;-

Article:-

That the Government Servant while working as Village Revenue Officer, Vasapa Village of Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District failed to distribute and kept 30 e-pattadar passbooks in the almirah of Sri Gorle Venu Gopala Rao, MRI, O/o Tahsildar office, Kothuru without distributed to concerned applicants.

Thus Sri Valerouthu Ravi Kumar, Village Revenue Officer, Vasapa Village of Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District by his above mentioned act exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of Government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby violated the Rule 3(1), & (2) of APCS (conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MIS-BEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI VALEROUTHU RAVI KUMAR, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, VASAPA VILLAGE, KOTHURU MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT IN CR.NO. 08/RCO-ACB/SKL/2023 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE.

That Sri Valerouthu Ravi Kumar joined in Government Servant as Village Revenue Officer on 12.01.1995 and worked at Bhamini and later worked as Panchayat secretary from 01.01.2002 to 08.02.2007 and thereafter worked in different Mandals as VRO and later transferred and posted as VRO, Vasapa Village of Kothuru Mandal and worked there from 25.06.2016 to 24.01.2020. His date of birth is 12.07.1972. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.07.2034. He is here-in-after called as Government Servant.

CHARGE:-

That the Government Servant while working as Village Revenue Officer, Vasapa village of Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District failed to distribute and kept 30 e-pattadar passbooks in the almirah of Sri Gorle Venu Gopala Rao, MRI, O/o Tahsildar office, Kothuru without distributed to concerned applicants.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE :-

Basing on the allegations that the Revenue officials of Kothuru Mandal of Srikakulam District are collecting bribes from public for various works, committed so many irregularities in processing the applications of the public for various services and also in maintenance of registers. On that the ACB officials of Srikakulam Range conducted Surprise Check on the O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru, Srikakulam district on 24.01.2020 from 11:45 hrs to 21:00 hours in the presence of official mediators namely (1) Sri Chintada Tirumala Rao, S/o late Ramanujam, age 53 years, Head Master, Z.P. High School, Ippili, Srikakulam Mandal, Srikakulam District. R/o Plot No. 14, Venkateswara Nagar, Visakha-A Colony, Srikakulam Town and (2) Sri Valla Satyanarayana, S/o Kannayya, age 49 years, School Asst., (Biological Sciences), Z.P. High School, Ippili, Srikakulam Mandal, Srikakulam District. R/o Door No. 7-3-6/1, Saibula Thota, Srikakulam Town and later the surprise check was converted into RCO case.

During the course of surprise check conducted on the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru in the presence of official mediators, 30 e-pattadar passbooks were found in the almirah of Sri Gorle Venu Gopala Rao, MRI, O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru belongs to G.Ravi Kumar, VRO, Vasapa village without distributed to concerned applicants by VRO Vasapa.

On examination of Sri Batchu Rajeswara Rao, Superintendent, A-Section, Collector Office, Srikakulam, he Speaks about the procedural aspects with regard to the functioning of the Tahsildar office on different aspects and furnishing the information vide RC No 418/2020, A2 dt.17/02/2020, dt 04-03-2020 of Collector's office, Srikakulam and etc., facts.

The Tahsildar, Kothuru through his letter vide RC No 55/2020, A dt 26-02-2020 informed that the e-pattadar passbooks will be received by the Jr. Asst., in the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru and he has to distribute them to the applicants through the concerned VROs. But the VRO Sri G.Ravi Kumar failed to distribute the same to the farmers.

On examination of Sri B. Nagaraju, Divisional Administrative officer, O/o Sub Collector, Tekkali, stated that it is the responsibility of the VRO to hand over the pattadar pass books to the applicants concerned.

The above evidence is proved that, the Government Servant failed to distribute pattadar passbooks to the applicants and kept in the almirah of Gorle Venu Gopala Rao, MRI, O/o Tahsildar office, Kothuru. Hence, the charge against the Government Servant is held substantiated.

Thus, the Govt. Servant Sri Valerouthu Ravi Kumar, Village Revenue Officer, Vasapa Village of Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of Government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and there by violated the Rule 3(1), & (2) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, the Govt. Servant Sri Valerouthu Ravi Kumar, Village Revenue Officer, Vasapa Village of Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District has rendered himself liable for departmental action under Rule 3(1), & (2) of APCS (conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-III
LIST OF WITNESSES:

1. **Sri B.V.S.S.Ramana Murthy, Dy.Supdt of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Srikakulam Range.**

He speaks about receiving of reliable information and conducting the surprise check on the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru on 24.01.2020 vide 02/SC-ACB/SKL/2020 of ACB, Srikakulam Range and etc., facts.

2. Sri Batchu Rajeswara Rao, Superintendent, A-Section, Collector Office, Srikakulam:- He Speaks about the procedural aspects with regard to the functioning of the Tahsildar office on different aspects and furnishing the information vide RC No 418/2020, A2 dt.17/02/2020, dt 04-03-2020 of Collector's office, Srikakulam and etc., facts.

3. Sri Boddapalli Nagaraju, S/o Ganalu, aged 52 yrs, Divisional Administrative Officer O/o Sub-Collectors' office, Tekkali, Srikakulam District.

He speaks about that, he been working as Divisional Administrative Officer, at the O/o Sub-Collectors' office, Tekkali in Srikakulam District from 01.02.2024. He has looked after administration in Sub-Collectors' office. On 28.02.2024, he was examined by the ACB officials regarding the Surprise Check conducted at the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal on 24.01.2020 on the allegation of collecting bribes from public for various works, committing so many irregularities in processing the applications of the public for various services and in maintenance of registers and he speak about the procedural aspects and etc facts.

4.Sri Chintada Tirumala Rao, S/o late Ramanujam, age 53 years, Head Master, Z.P. High School, Ippili, Srikakulam Mandal, Srikakulam District. R/o Plot No. 14, Venkateswara Nagar, Visakha-A Colony, Srikakulam Town:

5.Sri Valla Satyanarayana, S/o Kannayya, age 49 years, School Asst., (Biological Sciences), Z.P. High School, Ippili, Srikakulam Mandal, Srikakulam District. R/o Door No. 7-3-6/1, Saibula Thota, Srikakulam Town:

Witnesses 4 and 5 are the mediators are the mediators who were present at the time of surprise check conducted on the office of the Tahsildar, Kothuru on 24.01.2020 and they stated about the contents of the surprise check proceedings dated 24.01.2020 etc facts.

6. Smt P.Bala, Tahsildar, Kothuru.

She speaks about the furnishing the information vide RC.No.55/2020,A dt 26-02-2020 of Tahsildar, Kothuru.

7. Sri K. Bhaskara Rao, Inspector of Police, ACB, Srikakulam Range.

He speaks about participating in the surprise check on 24.01.2020 vide 02/SC-ACB/SKL/2020 of ACB, Srikakulam Range and conducting of further enquiry

and submission of detailed report to the DG, ACB, AP on 25.06.2022 and after receipt of memo vide SC.No. 36/DES-VSK/2020-S.12 dated 11.07.2023 from DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada and registration of this case as RCO and investigation and submission of DFR and etc, facts.

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ANNEXURE-IV

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:

1. Surprise Check Proceedings in 02/SC-ACB/SKL/2020 Dated 24.01.2020:-

It revealed that the surprise check conducted on the O/o Tahsildar, Kotturu on 24.01.2020 vide 02/SC-ACB/SKL/2020 of ACB, Srikakulam Range. The mediators had drafted proceedings to that effect at the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru from 11:45 hrs to 21:00 hrs.

2. **RC.No.418/2020, A2 dt:17/02/2020, dt:04-03-2020 and RC No 1070/2019 C2 dt:26-02-2020 of District Collector, Srikakulam**: It shows the procedural aspects, service particulars of the employees of the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru and other information and etc, facts.

3. **RC No.55/2020,A dt:26-02-2020 of Tahsildar, Kothuru**: It shows the procedural aspects, service particulars of the employees of the office of Tahsildar, Kothuru and other information and etc, facts.

4. Copies of statements of witnesses 1, 2, & 3 of Annexure III of DAC's.

Any further document is required, it will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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